Committee for phased manufacturing of drugs

131. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether an official high power committee has been set up for laying norms for phased manufacturing programme for drugs with import contents and for drugs for which technology is well established in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether the committee has submitted its report to the Government and if so, what are the broad recommendations made by the committee and the action taken on each of the recommendations; and

(d) if the answer to part (c) above be in the negative, by when the Committee is likely to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS IN THE THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The composition of the Committee is as under:

(1) Dr. S. Ramaswamy, Dy. DG., DGTD—Chairman.

(2) Representative of the Department of Science and Technology—Member.

(3) Representative of the Department of Industrial Development—Member.

(4) Shri P. M. Mehta, Project Officer, Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals—Member Convener.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. the report is expected within this month.

Acute power shortage in Bihar

132. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in Bihar State people are facing acute power shortage;

(b) what is the total power demand in Bihar and the production at present along with the power being supplied to the State;

(c) what will be the power requirement of this State by the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(d) whether Government will be in a position to meet the demand of the people of that State at that time; if so, how; and

(e) if not, the steps being taken to meet that demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) During the period April to June, 1987 the energy requirement in Bihar was 1195 million units against which the availability was 953 million units which represents a shortage of about 20.3 per cent.

(c) to (e) As per the present assessment, the power requirement of the State at the end of Seventh Plan i.e. in 1989-90 is expected to be 6348 million units, against which the expected availability would be about 7704 million units. In order to further improve the generation from the existing thermal power stations, a Centrally sponsored Renovation and Modernisation Programme is being implemented at Patratu, Barauni and Karbigahia Thermal Stations at a total estimated cost of Rs. 67.26 crores, with a Central component of Rs. 25.81 crores. In addition, capa-

city of 478.9 MW is targetted to be commissioned in Bihar during Seventh Plan period, out of which 220 MW capacity has already been commissioned. Bihar would also get its share from Central Projects in the Eastern Region.

Lignite based power plants

133. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Neyveli Lignite Corporation propose to set up a number of lignite based power plants; and

(b) whether any proposal are under consideration of Government for setting up such plants in lignite rich areas, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited is at present expanding the second thermal power station at Neyveli from 630 MW to 1470 MW. The Corporation has also formulated projects for a third thermal power station of 1500 MW (3x500 MW) and for expansion of the first thermal power station by 2x210 MW.

NLC is being entrusted with the development of an integrated mining-cum-power project based on the lignite deposits of Palana-Barsinghsar in Rajasthan.

Recovery of the difference of fixed and charged drug prices

134. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court upheld the prices fixed by his Department for a number of bulk drugs and formulations in their judgements during 1987;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Court dismissed the submission made by drug companies in regard to undertaking given in Delhi High Court about deposit of difference of amount between the fixed and charged prices;

(c) whether it is also a fact that difference of amount was to be deposited within eight weeks of the decision of upholding of fixed prices;

(d) if so, whether the amount due from each company has since been recovered;

(e) if so, the details of amount recovered from each company; if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) by when the total amount will be recovered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) to (f) Action to recover the amounts, wherever due, has been taken as per due process of law.

Cases regarding drug price fixation orders

135. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the cases pending in various courts in regard to price fixation orders of bulk drugs and formulations giving the names of drugs/formulations, drug companies and High Courts;

(b) since when each case has been pending;

(c) whether any case has been disposed of during 1987;

(d) if so, what are the details of each case along with the decision;

(e) what are the details of action taken on each decision;